

**Subject:** Re: consultation proposal

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Mr. Gibson---

Thank you for clarifying. We appreciate and share your concern. Be assured our proposed process for non-metropolitan local consultation does not place state-appointed officials in the role of local government, and is not influenced in the slightest by the proposed legislation (Senate Bill 260) you refer to.

If anything, the process is designed to ensure local priorities are clearly communicated to state DOT managers and are not missed in the planning, assembling and prioritizing of federally-funded transportation projects. It does document our current practice of having a DOT&PF contact person in each region office (recognized by most communities as their DOT&PF "area planner"). This person assists the communities within his or her assigned geographic area in communicating their priorities to DOT&PF, submitting project nominations and navigating through the project scoring process. In most cases we anticipate it will be this person who performs the consulting role.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to address your concern. I encourage you to communicate your concerns about [Senate Bill 260](#) directly with your legislative representatives through your local Legislative Information Office or other means.

Sincerely,

Eric Taylor

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[Doug\\_Gibson@ak.blm.gov](mailto:Doug_Gibson@ak.blm.gov) wrote:

I'm responding to Ben Stevens attempt to place state appointed individuals on the AMATS board. The state should have no role in deciding what priorities or needs established by local communities. That's my concern.

Eric Taylor

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Dear Mr. Gibson---

Thank you for your opinion. It would be more helpful to us (and to the role of local governments/citizens you express concern for) if you could explain

what you consider to be "interfering." The process we outlined implements a federal rule that requires state DOTs to notify and consult with local government officials.

Perhaps you misunderstood the text of the process? I hope you will read it again and tell us specifically what you think are its strengths and weaknesses.

Sincerely,

Eric Taylor

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[Doug Gibson@ak.blm.gov](mailto:Doug.Gibson@ak.blm.gov) wrote:

I do not support DOT&PF's or Ottesen's proposal to interfere with the role of local governments/citizens (metropolitan or non metropolitan or otherwise).